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Association of Fundraising Professionals (Miami Chapter) hosts a conversation with award-winning philanthropist power couple, Jorge Luis & Marile Lopez on Thursday, March 20, 2014

WHAT: The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) will have Jorge Luis & Marile Lopez as guest speakers for their “Meet the Leaders” lunch program. This will be a networking and Q&A opportunity for both AFP members and non-member attendees alike.

WHO: Miami power couple Jorge Luis & Marile Lopez who most recently received the prestigious James W. McLamore outstanding volunteer award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). During the course of their charitable history, they have given their time (both as a philanthropic team and as individual volunteer leaders), their treasure, and their talent to such organizations as The Miami Foundation, The American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Miami Children's Hospital, American Red Cross and many others.

WHEN: **Thursday, March 20, 2014 starting at 11:30 a.m.**

WHERE: Caffe Abbracci - 318 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134
Valet Parking Available / Self-Parking in lots

“Sharing our time, talents and treasures with our community is very fulfilling. I believe each of us is called to giving. As parents of five kids, we are raising them to actively participate in their community – to them, philanthropy is second nature and not a sacrifice,” said Mrs. Marile Lopez.

With over 30,000 fundraising professionals across the national organization, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is highly represented locally through AFP Miami. The chapter was founded in 1975, and their primary purpose is to educate and advance the careers of those in the rapidly changing field of development. AFP Miami promotes ethical standards, networking for members, and provides access to listing local, regional and national employment opportunities. For more information, visit www.afpmiami.org

Jorge Luis & Marile Lopez have solidified a reputation for philanthropic work in the community, serving on various boards of charitable and faith-based non-profit organizations for more than 20 years. Mr. Lopez is the principal at Coral Gables-based Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm and Mrs. Lopez is their current CFO. Together they have influenced the South Florida community through their leadership and commitment to service in a number of organizations: the Miami Foundation, Miami-Dade Parks Foundation, Camillus House & Camillus Health Concern, Mercy Foundation, Miami-Dade College Foundation, FIU Metro-Center, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross of Greater Miami & Keys, Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, and many others. In 2013, they again chaired the MCH Diamond Ball, which in 2012 raised \$4.3 million and this year surpassed \$5 million – totaling nearly \$10 million. Additionally, Mr. Lopez is the Chair of the Citizens' Oversight Committee under the auspices of the Interlocal Agreements for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County (ILA), and Mrs. Lopez is Chair-Elect 2014 for Miami Children's Hospital (MCH) Foundation, assisting in formulating strategic MCH Foundation policies and plans, and securing financial support for the not-for-profit organization.

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